

*Following on from our successful Careers Information Evening, this edition of Pathways seems to be focused on curious minds. Included are details of various programmes of informal study aimed at building skills and knowledge, challenging preconceptions and creating solutions for the future. You'll also find details of career-specific resources, online work experience opportunities and exciting workshops.*

*Boarders who would like to attend any in-person events mentioned in this bulletin should speak to their Housemistress, while parents should look out for the events that are aimed at them in this edition. Finally, a reminder that all times listed in this are UK (GMT +00) times.*

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### 'GET INTO MEDICINE' UCAS CONFERENCES

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March / Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Years 10-12**

If you're planning a career in medicine but have some unanswered questions, you can sign up for a free live conference brought to you by UCAS and Medic Mentor. The day will cover: entry requirements for medical school; personal statements and medical CVs; the UCAT and BMAT entrance exams; medical school interviews; harnessing opportunities and extra-curricular activities. There will also be a presentation from a successful medical school applicant and the opportunity to ask questions.

To register use this link and the coupon code **teacher22**:  
<https://medicmentor.co.uk/medicine-national-healthcare-weekend/>

### DE:CONSTRUCT AT GOLDSMITHS, UoL

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Year 11 upwards**

DE:CONSTRUCT 2022 is a festival where you will explore the theme 'Our Changing Environment' through art, science, the humanities, and popular culture, considering different definitions of 'environment', from societal to physical, biological and more. It is the perfect festival for curious minds and will include talks on topics including: zoos and

conservation; privacy in the digital age; the relationship between fashion and nature and the ever-growing environmental impact of fashion.

Confirmed speakers include: Ashden (Climate Solutions in Action), Design Museum, The Horniman Museum and Gardens, ZSL London Zoo, Reboot the Future, Science Museum, V&A, and Goldsmiths' academics.

For further information about each day's sessions, and to book, please go to: [Session details](#) | [Goldsmiths, University of London](#)

### SUPPORT FOR VETS, MEDICS AND DENTISTS

#### Year 10 upwards

It can be a struggle to get work experience in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine so Medic Mentor has created a free virtual work experience programme to help. Every month Medic Mentor, Vet Mentor and Dental Mentor release a free, certificated, e-learning work experience session. The sessions detailed below can be accessed any time throughout March; the new sessions are released on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

#### MEDICS - OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY SESSION

This is one session of six separate sessions covering different areas within medicine. In this month's session, they will experience a woman's pregnancy journey, meeting the multi-disciplinary team of midwives, nurses and obstetric doctors. Held in the state-of-the-art immersion suite at the University Hospitals of Birmingham, students will gain first-hand experience of a midwife booking appointment at the general practice, an outpatient clinic, and admission to the delivery suite. They will find out about the investigations to identify pregnancy-related health problems such as gestational diabetes, and understand how these can be managed to prevent harm to mother and baby. They will also learn the importance of critical thinking, teamwork, leadership, communication and compassion.

To find out more and to enrol, students should click on the following link:

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/medic-mentor-work-experience/>

### VETS - EQUINE VETERINARY MEDICINE SESSION

This is one session of six separate sessions covering different areas within veterinary medicine. In this session an equine vet covers the fundamentals of equine clinical practice and general horse care.

To find out more and to enrol, students should click on the following link:

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/vet-mentor-clinical-equine-practice/>

### DENTISTS - PAEDIATRIC & SURGICAL DENTISTRY SESSION

This is one session of four separate sessions covering different areas within dentistry. Students will see a range of child and adult patient consultations. This includes a possible oral cancer diagnosis, aesthetic solutions and child safeguarding concerns. There will be debriefing sessions of each of the cases.

To find out more and to enrol, students should click on the following link:

<https://wexlibrary.yourmedicfamily.org/courses/dental-mentor-work->

### NEW COLLEGE OF THE HUMANITIES – TASTER LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

**Starting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Year 12**

NCH are running free taster lectures in a range of subjects including Philosophy, Psychology, International Relations, English, History, Art History, Data Science, Economics and Creative Writing. Even if you don't wish to apply to NCH, attending lectures of this type broadens your knowledge of a subject you may be interested in pursuing at university and gives you something to reflect on and talk about in your personal statement or at interview. For more information and to book your place go to:

[Taster Lectures - New College of the Humanities \(nchlondon.ac.uk\)](http://tasterlectures-newcollegeofthehumanities.nchlondon.ac.uk)

### COMPETITION - 'MY CAREER, MY VISION'

**Year 8 upwards**

Career-training provider, InvestIN, are inviting students aged 12-18 to submit an image depicting their dream career with an accompanying caption. The image can take any form - a photograph, drawing, graphic design, or anything else - as long as it has been created by the

student and clearly depicts the career of their dreams. With creativity highly encouraged, the deadline for entry is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**. Students can enter this link: [My Career, My Vision: InvestIN's Careers Week Competition | InvestIN](#)

### PILOT CAREERS LIVE

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**Year 10 upwards**

Currently fewer than 6% of pilots worldwide are female but things are changing and, if you're interested in becoming a pilot, this may be the show for you. Held at London Heathrow Terminal 5, Pilot Careers Live is Europe's largest independent flight training exhibition. The event will cover every aspect of what it takes to become a professional pilot, including careers with the RAF or combining pilot training with a university degree. For more information and to book either your in-person or virtual place, go to: [London 2022 - Pilot Career News : Pilot Career News](#)

### FOR CAREERS IN ROBOTICS, GREEN ENGINEERING OR GAME DESIGN ...

**Year 10 upwards**

Skills Gap are running a series of cutting edge online workshop in areas where there is a known current skills shortage. Workshops include Careers in Hacking, AI in Finance, Nanotechnology, Robotics in Space, Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies, and Astrophysics.

For full details of all the workshops, and to book, go to: [Workshops | Skills Gap](#)

### SUMMER LAW SCHOOL

**Various dates in July and August**

**Year 11 upwards**

The Summer Law School will give young people interested in pursuing law as a career or at university an in-depth introduction to every aspect of the legal world. The programme will be divided into three parts:

1. Criminal law (including inchoate offences), advocacy skills, family law and jurisprudence;
2. Contract law, civil wrongs (including defamation), corporate law and insolvency law;
3. International law, human rights, and constitutional law.

Students can book for one, two or all three parts. For more information go to: [Summer Law School - Debate Chamber](#)

### OTHER DEBATE CHAMBER COURSES

#### Year 7 upwards

The Debate Chamber offer a range of fun and challenging courses for students aged 11 to 18. Available as short courses or summer programmes, the courses focus on exploring intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and independent learning. Courses are very varied in terms of content and age range; they include writing, coding and critical thinking courses for 11-14 year olds, and Literary Theory, PPE, International Relations and Philosophy for 15-18 year olds. Details of all their courses are available here: [Home - Debate Chamber](#)

### YOUR UNIFROG ACCOUNT

#### Year 9 upwards

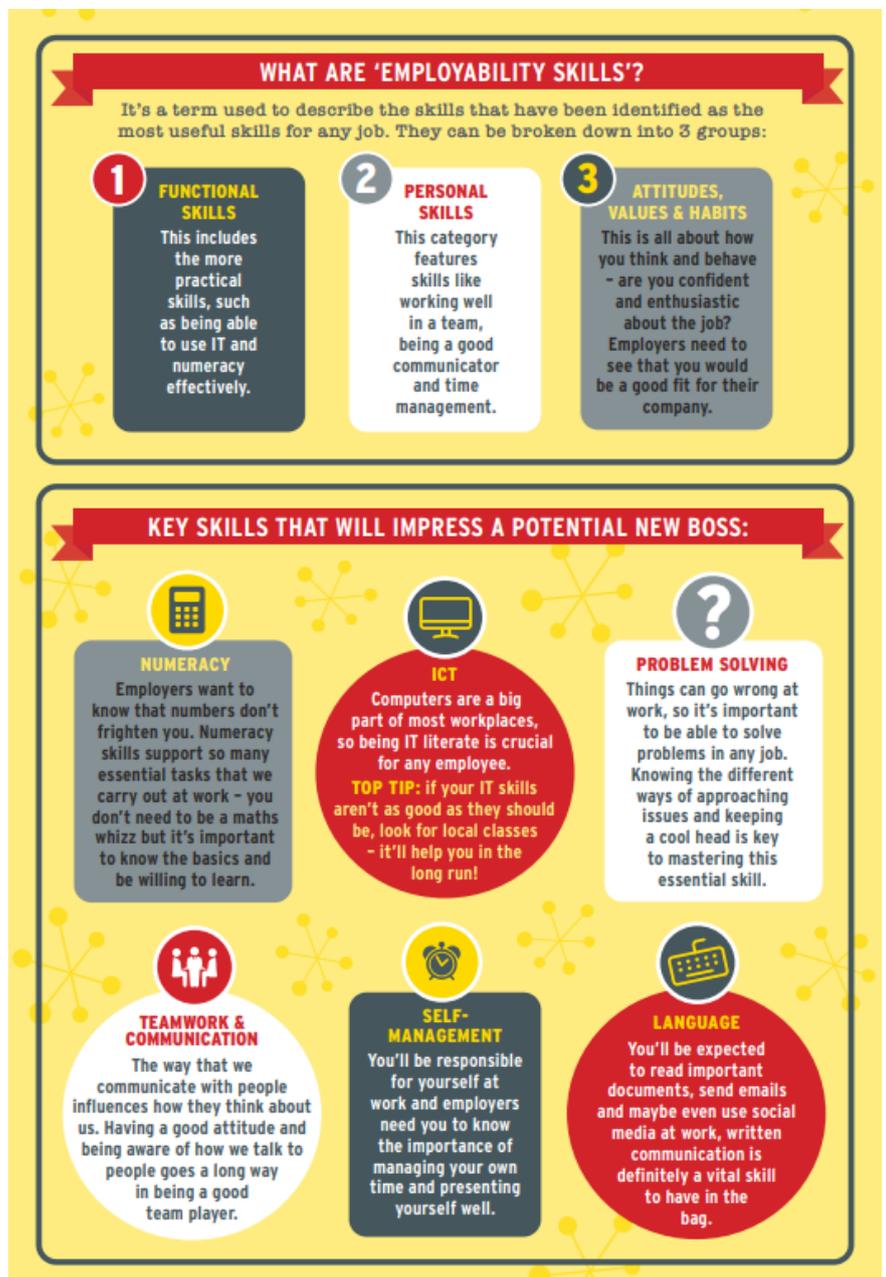
Students can now access a new profiling tool on their Unifrog account that asks questions relating to work environments. Based on the results, students will be shown suitable career choices. When students complete all three profiling tests, they will get a master list of the careers and university subjects that appear most frequently, giving a more focused list of options.

### CAREERMAG ONLINE MAGAZINE

The latest issue explores the different options available to school leavers and some tips on how to talk about careers with parents. You can download it here: [Careermag - Students & Teachers - Careermap](#)

### WHAT ARE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS?

This infographic on "employability skills" produced by Trotman: Indigo Careers may be of interest as it demonstrates the importance of inter- and intra-personal skills, and the skills learned through extra-curricular activities as well as academic results to potential employers. You can also access the information here: [EmployabilityGraphicPrint.pdf \(indigo.careers\)](#)



**WHAT ARE 'EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS?'**

It's a term used to describe the skills that have been identified as the most useful skills for any job. They can be broken down into 3 groups:

- 1 FUNCTIONAL SKILLS**  
This includes the more practical skills, such as being able to use IT and numeracy effectively.
- 2 PERSONAL SKILLS**  
This category features skills like working well in a team, being a good communicator and time management.
- 3 ATTITUDES, VALUES & HABITS**  
This is all about how you think and behave - are you confident and enthusiastic about the job? Employers need to see that you would be a good fit for their company.

**KEY SKILLS THAT WILL IMPRESS A POTENTIAL NEW BOSS:**

- NUMERACY**  
Employers want to know that numbers don't frighten you. Numeracy skills support so many essential tasks that we carry out at work - you don't need to be a maths whizz but it's important to know the basics and be willing to learn.
- ICT**  
Computers are a big part of most workplaces, so being IT literate is crucial for any employee.  
**TOP TIP:** if your IT skills aren't as good as they should be, look for local classes - it'll help you in the long run!
- PROBLEM SOLVING**  
Things can go wrong at work, so it's important to be able to solve problems in any job. Knowing the different ways of approaching issues and keeping a cool head is key to mastering this essential skill.
- TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION**  
The way that we communicate with people influences how they think about us. Having a good attitude and being aware of how we talk to people goes a long way in being a good team player.
- SELF-MANAGEMENT**  
You'll be responsible for yourself at work and employers need you to know the importance of managing your own time and presenting yourself well.
- LANGUAGE**  
You'll be expected to read important documents, send emails and maybe even use social media at work, written communication is definitely a vital skill to have in the bag.